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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON SPAIN IN SECRETARY'S 1972 FOREIGN
POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19 FOLLOWS IN
FULL (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

QUOTE. AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION OF 1970
PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR U. S.- SPANISH COOPERATION. THIS
AGREEMENT ENABLES U. S. USE OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FACILITIES
IN SPAIN, ACCESS TO WHICH SUPPORTS OUR SECURITY POSTURE IN
EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN.

MOST PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH COMPOSITION, CONDITION,
AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF U. S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE BEING
SUPPLIED UNDER AGREEMENT RESOLVED IN 1972 TO SATISFACTION
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OF BOTH SPAIN AND UNITED STATES. PASSAGE OF SHIP LOAN
LEGISLATION BY 92 D CONGRESS OPENED WAY FOR DELIVERY TO
SPANISH NAVY OF VESSELS PROMISED IN AGREEMENT. PROGRESS
ALSO MADE UNDER PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT FOR BILATERAL
COOPERATION IN NUMBER OF IMPORTANT NONMILITARY AREAS.
COMPLETED AND ONGOING PROJECTS INCLUDED PROGRAMS IN NUCLEAR
BIOLOGY, AUTOMATION, OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, HOUSING,
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, AND ENGLISH TEACHING. NEW

PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, AMERICAN STUDIES, TEACHING,
MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND CULTURE ARE UNDER
STUDY FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1973.

UNITED STATES CONSIDERS DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE
IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. WE BELIEVE SPANISH MEMBERSHIP
IN NATO WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.
SPAIN'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND WILLINGNESS ALLOW UNITED
STATES TO USE ITS TERRITORY FOR MILITARY AND NAVAL
FACILITIES CONSTITUTE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL
WESTERN DEFENSE.

NATURAL SPANISH DESIRE TO FORGE CLOSER INTERNATIONAL
LINKS WITH WESTERN EUROPE SHOWN IN SPAIN'S THOROUGH PRE-
PARATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE. IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE,
WE CONSULTED ON BASIC ISSUES INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE WITH
SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES BOTH BEFORE AND DURING MULTI-
LATERAL PREPARATORY TALKS IN HELSINKI. RECOGNIZING
SPANISH INTEREST IN MAINTENANCE OF U. S. TROOP STRENGTH
IN EUROPE, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON
MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS AND WILL CONTINUE
TO DO SO.

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS SPANISH OBJECTIVE OF
CLOSER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITH EXPANDED EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE SPANISH ASSOCIATION WITH OR FULL
MEMBERSHIP IN EC WOULD BE NATURAL PART OF DRIVE FOR
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNIFICATION. SUCH A
DEVELOPMENT COULD GO HAND IN HAND WITH SPAIN'S MILITARY
INTEGRATION INTO WESTERN EUROPE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
SPAIN'S INCREASING TIES WITH EC ARE CAUSING US COMMERCIAL
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DIFFICULTIES; WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT SPAIN AND EC WILL

TAKE VALID U. S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT.

ON NOVEMBER 27 SPANISH AND U. S. DELEGATIONS AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON TEXT OF NEW, MODERN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT TO REPLACE OUTDATED 1944 AGREEMENT. NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH CLIMAXED TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDES EXPANDED ROUTE SCHEDULE AND PROVISIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW BALANCED EXPANSION OF SERVICES BY CARRIERS WITH ADEQUATE PROTECTION AGAINST INJURY TO EITHER SIDE.

UNITED STATES IS SPAIN'S LEADING PARTNER. IN 1972 OUR EXPORTS TO SPAIN MAY HAVE REACHED \$1 BILLION MARK, WHILE IMPORTS FROM SPAIN FOR YEAR ARE ESTIMATED AT SOME \$700 MILLION. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE SEVEN COPIES OF REPORT FOR REPRESENTATIONAL USE.

3. USIA WILL PROVIDE ALL POSTS THROUGH WIRELESS FILE COMPLETE TEXTS OF INTRODUCTION AND EVERYTHING IN RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC CHAPTER EXCEPT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY COVERAGE. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASSIST IN PUBLICIZING REPORT AND SHOULD REPORT LOCAL OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION. ROGERS

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